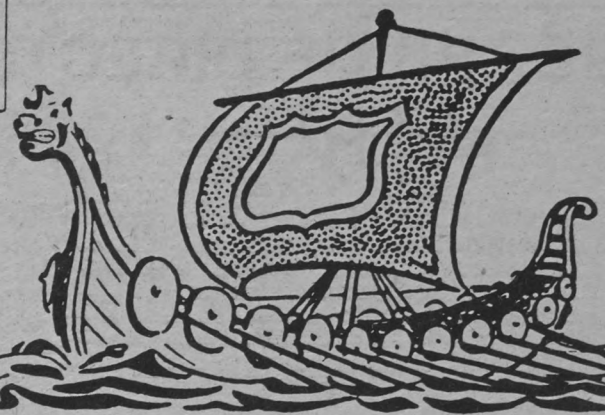


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LOCATION OPTIONED

The Board of Directors has signed an option on 1.48 acres of land at 172 Street and 101 Avenue as shown on the diagram across. The option cost was \$1,000, and the closing date is March 15, 1982. The purchase price of the land is \$500,000.

Tentative plans are for a two-storey building of approximately 20,000 square feet, which will certainly include a dining room, lounge, banquet room, meeting rooms and storage, as well as other facilities, but details are only now in the process of being worked out.

We will be applying for a development Permit just as quickly as the necessary sketches and material can be prepared, and will be able to provide more information at the Annual General Meeting on March 3rd when we hope to have a good turnout of shareholders.

ITV DONATES VIKING SHIP

The Scandinavian Centre has been presented with a replica of a Viking longboat by Edmonton television station ITV.

The boat was built by that station for use in an SCTV segment at a cost of \$17,000; it is 9½ feet by 27 feet in size.

Norwegian Consul, Arne Johannessen, was contacted by ITV, and he in turn contacted the Board. A 'Boat Committee' consisting of Astrid Hope, Harv Haugen, Per Nielsen and Susanne Balslov was immediately formed. This longboat can be made to be self-propelled and could then be used in many ways — certainly as a float at Klondike Days and at our pavilion at Heritage Days — to name just two.

Daon Corporation has generously donated heated warehouse space for the next few months, and we are now asking for: Welders, Mechanics, Carpenters, Painters and Artists who can donate some time to this project. Phone Per Nielsen — 454-5880 — if you can help. This project is also going to cost some money, and any donations to the "Boat Fund" will be sincerely appreciated.

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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

'SIGGI' —

Although we still do not know who left the snapshots at our office, we are pleased that Freda Smith has identified 'Siggi' as her cousin and we have turned them over to her.

PREFERRED SHARES —

Subscriptions for Preferred Shares were approved at the December Board meeting and are presently being recorded. We have begun to complete the necessary share certificates and will have them in the mail within the next two weeks. We thank subscribers for their patience, and know you will appreciate the tremendous amount of work involved.

SHARE SALES —

The Board most sincerely thank those of you who have bought shares to bring the total since December 1st to \$3,000.00. The Centre appreciates your support and encouragement, and we hope to sell many more in the coming months to support our building project.

LAND —

An option has now been signed on 1.48 acres of land at 172 Street and 101 Avenue (see the front page). The Building, Finance and Ways & Means Committees are back in the swing, and we hope to see you at the Annual General Meeting on March 3rd at the Mayfield to discuss plans.

RINGVE MUSEUM



Eva Sveen at Ringve Museum

by Olaf Sveen

Last summer Eva and I had the opportunity to visit Ringve Music-Historical Museum at Trondheim, Norway. The location of the museum has an added attraction, our great naval hero from about 300 years back, Tordenskjold, was born and raised there. The honour of starting the museum goes to Victoria, married to Christian Anker Bachke, the most recent owner, and Victoria was born in Russia.

The museum consists of two buildings, and it is quite a tour to see it all. We had a pleasant guide, a music student called Anne-Lise, and it seemed that she could play most of the great number of instruments on display. There were quite a few people on our tour, and we were warned not to smoke or take any pictures; it wouldn't take much to start a fire at Ringve.

Most of the musical instruments are of course old, and they come from all over the world. But Norway was very well represented; as would be expected, lots of flutes, some made of bark from the willow-tree. We could see a horn made from the horn of a goat, and a

langeleik, or Norwegian Zither, had once been the property of Sigrind Undset, our well known writer.

Another odd instrument, the lute, was also represented, and there was quite a number of Hardanger-fiddles. Most of them seemed to be in good shape and just itching to be played. One could learn quite a bit about Edvard Grieg at the museum, and also about a number of other well-known composers. About the only thing that disappointed us at Ringve was the accordion department: all we saw were about four real old, seemingly beat-up, apparently unplayable, small accordions. Since we had just come from the Accordion Festival at Honefoss with about 350 accordion-players on stage, we both agreed that much more could have been said and showed about the accordion in Norway. To me it seems obvious that the accordion should occupy one of the main parts of the museum, but we humans often overlook the obvious.

All in all, a trip through the Ringve Museum is a great experience, and a trip to Trondheim is hardly complete without a visit to Ringve.

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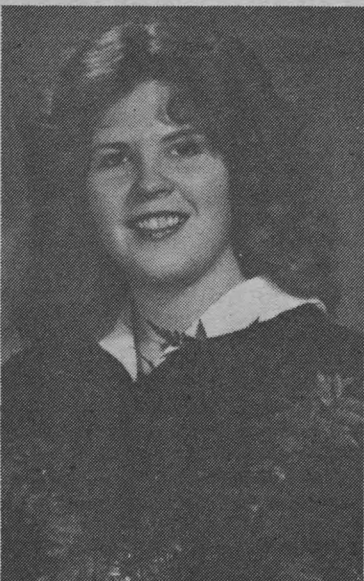
Elaine Olafson Awarded Scholarship

The \$1,500.00 Rutherford Heritage Scholarship was awarded to Elaine Olafson for achieving honours in Grades X, XI and XII. She is 18 years of age and is enrolled at the University of Alberta where she is majoring in Psychology.

Elaine has been an honour student since she began elementary school. Her extracurricular activities have included participation in Girl Guides (where she won the Girl Guides Canada Cord at age 14); and figure skating. She is currently working part-time as a cashier, as well as teaching figure skating.

She plans to pursue a career as either a probation officer or police-woman.

Elaine is the daughter of Harold and Mary Olafson of Edmonton, and granddaughter of Mrs. Juliana Priess of Edmonton and Mrs. Walter Olafson (Hannah) of Morden, Manitoba.



Elaine Olafson

FINNISH FOOTNOTES

by Anja Sahuri

The adult Christmas party was very well attended, and everyone seemed to have fun. Santa was also in attendance as well as at the Childrens' Christmas party next day.

A surprise birthday party was held in honor of Aira Salomaa of Kelowna, B.C., formerly of Edmonton, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. G. Tekoniemi on Dec. 26th. Many friends and two of her daughters came to wish Aira all the best on her birthday and for the future as well. Kaisa Tekoniemi presented a beautiful gift of jewelry on behalf of everyone; the lovely flower arrangement was also designed by Kaisa. The evening was enjoyed by everyone and the tasty food was welcomed by all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AIRA.

My sincere thank you to everyone who remembered me on my recent birthday. Thank you all for the lovely gift and flowers, cards and songs I received on that special day of celebration. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. George Tekoniemi for everything they did towards that nice evening.

Thank You all - Aira Salomaa.

Everyone interested in Finnish Folk Dancing should contact either Aino Ketonen or Pentti Sipari as soon as possible. The first Rehear-

sal will take place on Feb. 2, 1982 at Victoria Composite High School at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Annual Skiing competition will be held on Feb. 21, at Lower Gold Bar Park. (By river on South side - at end of 50th Street.) Competition to begin at 10 a.m., registration before that time. Only those people who have registered prior to starting time will be eligible for trophies. So please come early. (Nakkeja myos saatavana.)

A leisurely skiing trip will be made to Amisk Lake at the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Karvonen on March 7, 1982. For further information watch for Finnish Society bulletin or phone Elmer Kankkunen at 477-6751.

The Annual Fishing Derby - for members only - will be held on April 4, at Lac St. Anne, West Cove, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration fee of \$3.00 payable to Urho Leino or Pentti Sipari. Please note that you need a new fishing permit by then.

The Annual Vappu Dance will be held on April 17, 1982 at Britannia-Youngstown Community Hall, 15927 - 105 Ave. More information later on.

If you are interested in grizzly-bear hunting or a salmon fishing expedition, please contact Elmer Kankkunen at 477-6751.

COD TO BE MASCOT

by Bob Burt

Torske Klubben met on January 5th at the Army, Navy & Airforce Club; 48 members and guests braved the severe weather — deep snow, wind, and sub-zero temperatures — for the meeting. Following a friendly get-together over hot glogg (made by Per Nielsen) the torske was served.

Boss Kaare Askildt asked the Treasurer for his report, and George Stewart stated that the club was solvent and all was well. There was a discussion concerning increasing dues for the purpose of keeping the monthly meal at a reasonable cost.

Harv Haugen displayed plans of a Viking longboat which was built by local television station ITV for use in an SCTV segment (the series has been sold to N.B.C. in the United States). The boat was officially presented to the Scandinavian Centre, along with costumes and helmets. It will be a natural for a float for Klondike Days and for our Heritage Days pavilion, once it has been fitted with the necessary machinery, and the need now is for space in which to store it where the work can be done on it. Harv also suggested that a T-shirt with a Norwegian design might be sold by

Torske Klubben at Heritage Days.

It was announced that the Lutefisk Dinner will be held on January 23rd at the Banquet House in conjunction with the installation of Solglyt officers.

Ken Domier proposed that, as Cod is the official dish of the club, a dried cod which had been sent to Sev Berge and donated to Torske Klubben become the official mascot if Harry Huser would consent to mount it.

A motion was made to allow other than Sons of Norway members join the club, but this was immediately quashed. The only way for other than Sons of Norway members to qualify is by obtaining an associate membership.

Per Nielsen reported that Sports Weekend is 'Go' in all areas. The meet will be held March 12, 13 and 14; registration is Friday night after 6:00 p.m. at the Mayfield Inn, followed by a social evening and friendly get-together at 8:00 p.m.

Games commence Saturday morning, ending before supper. Ski racing will be at Rundle Park; there will be 16 lanes of bowling at Bonnie Doon; and 16 sheets of ice at the Sportex for curling. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening at

the Mayfield Inn, with breakfast Sunday morning and presentation of trophies and ribbons.

Gary Johnson spoke on the Ski for Light program and its affiliation with Sons of Norway, mentioning the races to be held in Edmonton on February 12th. To raise money for the program, a Norwegian ski hat was auctioned and sold to Dennis Lindberg for \$41.00. An additional collection was taken, raising the fund to \$150.00; added to this was a generous donation by Richard Haas Construction Co. of \$250.00, making a total of \$400.00 for Ski for Light.

Guest speaker Ron Nichol spoke on the Shell Cross-Country Senior Canadian Championships to be held January 28th to February 2nd in Edmonton at Gold Bar Park. He presented pictures and praised the community volunteer effort which makes it possible to put on such an event. Ron was very well received, as skiing is one of the sports which Sons of Norway and Torske members enjoy.

The next Torske Klubben meeting will be February 2nd at the same location; phoning persons will be Keith Lillevolden and Glen Finstad.

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'DANIA' DOINGS

by Claus Jacobsen

'Dania' held its first function outside the Scandinavian Centre on January 9th — the New Year's Dance — in the Calder Community Hall at 12721 - 120 Street.

It was a new experience for everyone; everything had to be taken care of including mix and glasses. But after a little problem concerning an empty CO₂ bottle on the pressure mix bar was solved, the party got underway — attended by 260 akavit-drinking Danes with guests. The night was cold, and the anti-freeze hit the spot.

The dance went on until 1:00 a.m. to the music of the Sound Merchants. Unfortunately somebody from the City planted a light-post in sort of the middle of the alley behind the hall, and it ended up in the back end of the drummer's station-wagon. It is not known if the glass from the broken rear window affected the tone of the drum.

Then there was the Dane who returned disappointed to Edmonton, saying to his friend, "I drove 295 km to Calgary to find out it wasn't there anymore."

"What do you mean?" asked his friend.

"Well, I was almost there, and a sign along the highway read: 'Calgary left'."

Dania held its 60th Anniversary last October in the Capilano Motor Inn. The founders of Dania, Mr. and Mrs. Skov, were not able to be there. I talked to Mrs. Dora Skov in December 1981, and she told me about the beginning of Dania.

There were only 14 people present when Dania was formed in late November, 1921, and of those members it has been possible to make contact with only two.

The Skovs are still with us. Christian Skov, a World War I veteran, celebrated his 91st birthday last December 13th at the Veterans' Hospital where he has been a patient for the past two years. With him on his birthday were his wife, Dora, two daughters and one son. Greetings from Dania were brought by Vice-President Claus Jacobsen.

The Skovs are from Hjørring, Denmark. Chris came to America in 1916, and to Canada in 1917. He enlisted in the army and served until the end of the war in 1918. He went back to Denmark in 1920 and married Dora, and they planned to come to Canada (Edmonton). There was a strike in Copenhagen in that year, and they planned to sail from

Esbjerg to Liverpool, and from there to Halifax, but because of overcrowded ships they were forced to stay in a hotel in Liverpool for a week.

They finally left on May 18th and arrived in Halifax on June 3rd. From there they travelled by train to Edmonton — a four to five day trip on the Immigrant train pulled by a steam-driven locomotive. It stopped at every chicken-coop on the way to let regular trains pass. It had only wooden benches, but they were able to lie down on them and get some sleep.

Chris started as a general contractor in 1921, doing sidewalks, foundations, etc., and stayed with it until 1967. He supplied all the cement for the Danish Ansgar Lutheran Church at 108A Avenue and 96 Street when it was built in 1939.

The Skovs moved into their own house at 10985 - 126 Street in 1928, and Dora Skov still lives in that same house. She lost her eyesight in 1941, and as a result has not seen any of Edmonton's high-rises. It was in those days that they had 40° below zero winter weather for six weeks steady (winter is still with us! As this is written in January, 1982, the temperature is minus 30° — not hoping for six weeks, though).

The Skovs celebrated Grundlavsfest several times west of the High Level Bridge (built in 1912) in Victoria Park, together with other Danes and members of 'Dania', as well as dances in the McLeod Building. Towards the end of World War II it was hard to get coal, and they had a gas furnace installed in 1944.

Chris and Dora Skov were honoured as guests of 'Dania' at the 50th Anniversary in the Scandinavian Centre in October of 1972.

The Danish Ladies' Club 'Bikuben' holds a meeting every third Monday of the month. The group has been hooking a rug for which they plan to hold a raffle. Vera Nielsen is the President — her phone number is 454-5438.

Vera Nielsen celebrated her 80th birthday on December 24th. Best wishes and good health for many years to come.

Interested in Handball? The Danish Handball Club 'Freja' is active, and information can be obtained from John Andersen at 465-4208.

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Installation of Officers for the coming year followed the Lutfisk Supper on January 23rd. Although it may be a sneaky way of getting people out to the installation, it is one way of showing the public that Sons of Norway is an active group.

The following officers were installed by Roy Swanberg, International Director:

President - Ken Domier	Sports Director - Per Nielsen
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FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ONLY

by Bob Burt

Members of the old and new executives of Soglyt Lodge were invited to enjoy a social evening, discussing past endeavours and making new officers knowledgeable as to what was expected of them during the coming term.

Nearly 50 members gathered at the Mayfield Inn to enjoy the annual evening. There was much discussion of responsibilities, as well as past and coming events. Music was provided by Gary Johnson, who most graciously hosted the evening.

Lunch was served which included plenty of pastries and good old Norwegian coffee.

Representatives from the Bowling and Curling Leagues, the Sewing Club, Torske Klubben and the Ski Club executive — all the workers of the busy hive of Sons of Norway — were present and accounted for.

Thanks was extended for the excellent work over the past several years, and as the torch was passed to the new executive, support was promised by everyone in order that a year of successful lodge activities might be enjoyed by all the members, the first project being the Winter Games.



Ruth Logan, Lois Halberg, Dorothy Sundby



Astrid Hope, Gail Peterson, Edythe Johnson



Ken Domier, Per Nielsen

EIGHTH ANNUAL FINLANDIA SKI RACE

by Bob Burt

The 9th annual Ladies' Night meeting of Torske Klubben was held December 8th at the Banquet House on Fulton Road, and close to 200 enjoyed the full-course dinner.

Ken Domier was Master of Ceremonies; Beth Bryant of Calgary, Director of Culture for the provincial government, was guest speaker. The head table included Dr. Chester Ronning who was celebrating his 87th birthday that evening. Chester was his inimitable self as he stole the show with his humour.

Following the singing of the national anthems, and the saying of grace, all enjoyed the meal.

George Stewart proposed a toast to the ladies; responded to by Gail Peterson. George was also called upon to give the financial report.

Chris Hale reported on the Language Camp, which was sponsored last year by the Red Deer Lodge 'Aspelund'. Thelma Dorin, President of Aspelund, was present with her husband, Emil. Both Harry and Bea Huser, as well as Astrid Hope, testified to the success of the Camp.

Astrid had a full display covering the activities of the Language Camp.

Gary Johnson introduced guest speaker Beth Bryant, who spoke of the ways in which culture is supported by the provincial government, and of the 10th anniversary of the Cultural Heritage Association. She stated how proud she is of the Languages program; in the school program 80 schools teach 35 languages to 6,000 students. The bilingual programs include such languages as Cree, German, Ukrainian, Hebrew and French.

She continued by saying that a list of interpreters for the many languages spoken in Alberta will be made available for use in areas where they are required.

She also spoke highly of the importance of Hawrelak Park and Edmonton's Heritage Days program, and as well of multicultural television and radio stations, and the Kanata Education Kits in Alberta.

A dance followed, and everyone enjoyed the association and gathering together that these Torske Klubben Ladies' Nights involve.

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Karjalas on kasvuin juuret.
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Siela nousin nuorisohon.
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kasvoi mieli kalevainen.

Sielta laksin maailmahan
Irtosin isani kodista.
Vaeltelin vierahissa
haivyn heimoni seasta.

Vaik ci varsi vallan vahva
Ollut ruumis rautainenkaan
Sielu sitakin lujempi
Kasvoi karus Karjalassa.

Kun tulivat tuulet vastaan
taikka myrskyt mylvahteli
Ei pettanyt veren perinto
horjunut hedelma hengen.

Voimaa antoi isain usko,
Kannusti Kalevan mieli
pysynahan pystypaisna
Vastatuulet voittamahan.

Sinne miun veri vetävi.
Sinne sielu kaipaavi,
jos ei muuten niin unissa
olen koissa Karjalassa.

Lintuna lehoissaan laulan.
Sotkana vesiaan souvan
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--- Kirj Maija Pekkarinen

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Ninna Campbell
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CULTURAL CORNER



Winner of the Christmas Tree Competition

by Astrid Hope,
Cultural Director,
Solglyt Lodge

On November 21st the Freeloaders were invited by Ronning Lodge, Camrose, to entertain at their Lutfisk supper, and again on December 19th they played for the dance following another delicious supper when Ronning Lodge installed their new executive and initiated new members. These two events also gave the Freeloaders a great opportunity to promote the sale of their record "We Remember Norway".

From November 24th to 28th the Hub Mall at the University of Alberta was the scene of 'ethnic Christmas trees' - Solglyt was the only Scandinavian group which responded. Between Astrid Hope and Janette Burt a Norwegian-decorated Christmas tree was set up along with a handicraft display. Norwegian goodies - krumkaker, Julebrod and luse were handed out. They sold the balance of the cookbooks on hand, as well as records, and took more orders. The mall was usually bustling, and seemed like a city within a city.

Astrid Hope spent a full school day on December 2nd with the St. Gerard's Grade III pupils. No display this time - other than a miniature Christmas tree. The purpose of the day was to make Norwegian Christmas-tree decorations for the children to hang on their own trees. At the close of the day they joined hands singing "Jeg er saa glad hver julekveld" around the tree. Astrid received a lovely gift of 'Lotte' in appreciation.

The Freeloaders were honoured to play for the dance on the occasion of Torske Klubben Ladies Night on December 8th at the Banquet House. A few V.I.P.'s were present - Beth Bryant for the Department of Culture, and Dr. Chester Ronning, well known distinguished gentleman from Camrose. Astrid had a display at the doorway.

Beth seemed very impressed with "Norwegian Mosaic" Trollhaugen 1981 and what we Norwegians are doing to promote language and culture.

Sales for the Freeloaders' record were exceptionally good that night. By the way, do you have your record?

Now a yearly tradition, the Freeloaders played an hour of Norwegian Christmas carols at Bonnie Doon Mall on the evening of December 7th. The manager equipped us with a grand piano this year, as well as an excellent sound system. We noticed that the response was better - we had a good audience. Minus the Christmas tree, a few children joined our circle to the tune of "Jeg er saa glad hver julekveld".

Convention Inn South held a special event - "Christmas Trees Around the World" decorating competition from December 11th to 27th. Solglyt participated - and won! The winner was chosen by public vote plus points for authentic decorations. Other ethnic groups who entered were Danish, Finnish and Ukrainian. The prize for the winner was \$300.00 and plaque, but this has not yet been presented.

Thanks, Janette, I appreciated your help - also all those who went out to vote for our tree.

On behalf of Solglyt, thanks to Bea Huser for putting in so much effort in producing an excellent Children's Christmas program which was held at the Captain's Cabin on December 13th. We had a record attendance as Julenissen made his debut. The Freeloaders were on hand to supply the music for the Christmas carols.

On January 11th Solglyt Lodge hosted a reception after the Citizenship Ceremony held at the Court of Canadian Citizenship. Her Honour Judge Una MacLean Evans and her staff presented the citizenship papers to approximately 30 people. Bea Huser, Dorothy Sundby and Astrid Hope were the hostesses.

Frequent remarks of appreciation were made with regard to the specially-made and decorated cake with inscription and Canadian flags to commemorate the occasion which was done by Dorothy. Judge Evans complimented our group on the fine array of food and the special table decor.

On January 16th Astrid Hope was asked to fill in for Solveig Nordhagen (vacationing in Florida) at a Cultural Heritage workshop at the Edmonton Inn. Plans have been undertaken to prepare 'Alberta People Kits' for school-children. These will be in a series starting at the earliest school age and working upward. These would enable children to learn his own identity first in his own family background, then relate to the classroom and the community. Dr. Emily Odnak is the circulation writer for Multicultural Education. Assistance was requested from the delegates for resource material. "The more we know about each other, the less we have to fear about each other".

LADIES ENJOY TORSKE

The Finlandia Ski Race, set for its eighth annual running, will take place on Sunday, February 28. Skiers from more than 20 countries are expected to enter the 47-mile cross country competition, which begins in Hameenlinna, Finland and finishes at Lahti, the country's noted sports centre.

Entrants will be classified in five groups, from first class skiers and those who were among the first 400 to finish in the 1981 competition, to tourists and "Sunday" skiers, the last two groups made up of those who participate just for the fun of it. The number of entrants will be limited to 10,500. The entry fee of \$35 includes: refreshments at seven points along the course and

The Captain's Cabin was the scene of a merry Christmas party held by Solglyt Lodge on Sunday, December 13.

Children were the main participants in a twelve-item program. The theme depicted origins of some of the best-loved carols and customs. After each tableau, reading or dramatization, the audience joined in with the singing of a carol, led by m.c. Bea Huser and accompanied by musicians Wally Broen, Harry Huser and Gary Johnson. The young actors included: Shane Hill; Joanne Olafson; Christine Berg; Anne Broen; Thomas, Astrid and Dagney Sneddon; Michael Neilsen; Andrea Ratcliffe; Michel and Anne-Marit Johnson with their mother, Evelyn; Jens, Sverre Ole and Thorfinn Hansen.

"Uncle Harv" delighted the youngsters with his creative balloons. Dogs, birds and other colorful creatures magically emerged - one for each pair of waiting hands.

Then the finale! Two circles - toddlers to teeners with some moms and grandmas - joined hands to circle the Christmas tree and sing. But who is that? The Jule Nisser himself (Jens Hansen) - half troll and half elf! Eyes of young ones opened wide in wonderment, as Jule Nisser seated himself and gave each one a bag of Christmas treats. Then, with a final wave of his hand, he was gone.

A bounteous lunch of Christmas baking brought by the mothers and arranged by Dorothy Sundby and her helpers completed the day. Approximately forty children with their parents and friends enjoyed this social hour.

Thanks to all who helped to make this one of Solglyt's most successful Christmas parties.

-by Bea Huser

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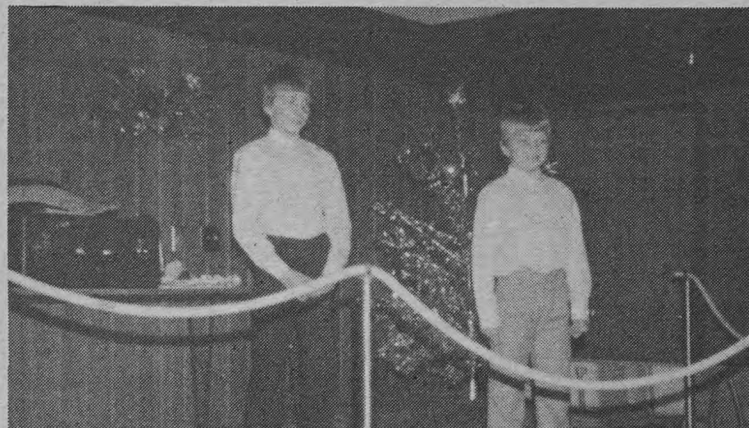
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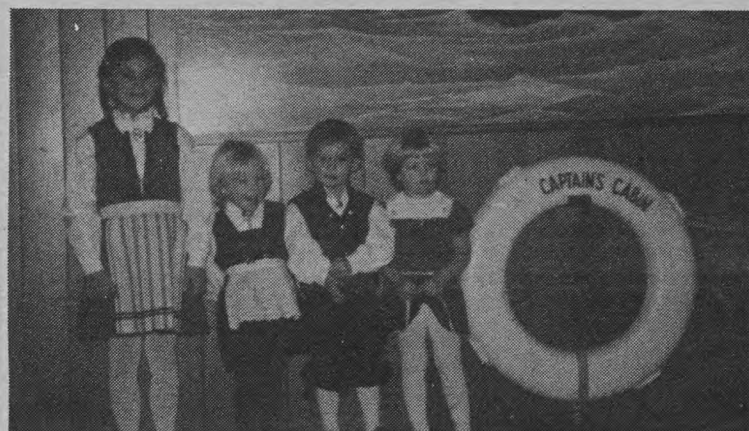
SOLGLYT CHRISTMAS PARTY



Julenissen handing out Christmas goodies



Newcomers Jens and Sven Ole Hansen at Solglyt's Christmas party



Children dressed in "Ekte Norsk Drakt" for Christmas program



Evelyn Johnson and daughters; Shane Hill, and narrator Bea Huser

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MARGARET RAGNHILD ELGSTRAND CELEBRATES 75TH BIRTHDAY

To honour Mrs. Elgstrand on her 75th birthday on February 11th, an open house is planned at the home of her niece, Joanne Forberg, 9352-64 Avenue, on Sunday, February 14th. Her many friends are invited to celebrate the occasion from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on that day.

Mrs. Elgstrand's daughter, Greta Lynn, together with Joanne, will act as hostesses during the afternoon.

Guests are expected from Calgary, Rocky Mountain House, Loughheed, and the surrounding area.

A special thanks will be extended to Mrs. Ingrid Nasset who is making the birthday cake, and to Mrs. Dorothy Sundby who will build the Kranse Kake for the occasion. A warm welcome is extended to all friends of the family.

This will be a very special day for Margaret and those close to her.

Margaret Elgstrand (nee Forberg) was born in Oslo, Norway, in 1907; she came with her parents to Donalda, near Camrose, at the age of five. She grew up on a farm near Loughheed prior to moving to Edmonton where she married Carl Elgstrand in March, 1951.

Carl and Margaret joined Sons of Norway in 1967, and both were very active in the club until Carl's passing in 1971.

Our warmest wishes to Margaret on this occasion.

SCANDINAVIAN KITCHEN CORNER

Swedish bread soup

Ölsupa

4 servings

- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 4 cups beef bouillon
- 1½ cups dry pumpernickel bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 4 small cooked sausages, chopped
- ¼ cup heavy cream

In a heavy saucepan melt margarine; stir in flour. Gradually add hot bouillon, stirring constantly. Add pumpernickel bread crumbs and sugar. Cook over low heat about 30 minutes. Warm sausages in the soup during last 5 minutes of cooking. Stir in the cream; serve immediately.

Danish pea soup

Gulæarter

8 servings

- 1 pound yellow split peas
- 3 pints water
- 3 pounds lightly salted pork
- 4 pints water
- 3 carrots
- 1 piece celeriac
- 3 leeks
- 3 onions
- 8 potatoes
- Fresh or dried thyme to taste

Rinse the peas and soak overnight in cold water. Boil until tender in a thick-bottomed saucepan about 1¼ hours. Meanwhile, boil the meat with the vegetables and thyme until tender. Puree peas through a strainer. Strain the meat and vegetables, and pour the liquid into the puree. Bring to a boil. Put all the vegetables back into the soup, and serve the meat either cold or warm with the soup, accompanied by farmer's sausage and bread.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

by Edythe Johnson

A 'thank-you' party was held for the outgoing executive of Sons of Norway on January 8th at the Mayfield Inn. Gary Johnson supplied the music for dancing and a nice lunch was served by the Mayfield staff — an enjoyable evening for everyone.

Gladys and Emeth Clark had Emeth's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thelmer Berg of Weldon, Saskatchewan, visiting them for a week in early January.

Edythe and Cliff Johnson attended a 50th Anniversary party for Cliff's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Grönsdahl, on January 23rd and 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Domier (Ken's parents) visited Ken and Selma Domier during the Christmas holidays.

Betty and Harv Haugen and their family spent a couple of days at the beginning of January at Dawson Creek where they helped an old family friend, Mrs. Olive Odden, celebrate her 80th birthday.

Congratulations to Harry Huser who received a commission from Ikea to carve a five-foot high Dalen horse, which is now on display at Ikea where Harry will be painting the horse. He will also be teaching 'chip carving' at the Camrose Viking Cultural Centre for five weeks at the end of January.

INDESTRUCTIBLE LARS

(This article appeared in a very old Swedish School Reader, and is a story about my great-great grandfather. Does anyone have a copy of this old school Reader from the 1800's? — Edythe Johnson)

Lars Anderson, our great grandfather from Ivarboda, Bugdea, and a fisherman friend, Nataniel Bostrom, from Ytterboda, Savar, and four other seal hunters went to the coast of the gulf of Bothnia.

With a leader boat and equipment to hunt seal they went out on the ice with an ice boat (isjakt). All had gone well for them as the ice and weather was favourable, but one day their luck ran out. They had just gathered their day's catch of seal when a warm east wind blew up and the ice began to crack. The men that were far out tried to get back to the big boat, but Anderson, Bostrom, and two others, that were farthest out felt the ice break under their feet. In an instant they were adrift. They hurried towards land but the ice-break was too wide to jump over.

The men on the icefloe tried to set out the iceboat but eventually they had to give up. They were tired after their day's work and excitement. They were also hungry and wet and without shelter from the cold wind.

Their situation was miserable. Can anyone understand how helpless they were? The storm raged and darkness fell. They huddled together to keep warm and fought sleep, but finally slept. With dawn

one of the men had died. The others were exhausted and freezing but managed to sit up. They shared the little tobacco that they had.

The storm continued all night, the next day and night, and on the second day the icefloe turned towards the Swedish coast. Lars was now the only one who could stand on his legs, so his friends begged him to seek land, and if he, with God's help, could reach home, he was to see the families and say farewell to them.

Bostrom was a good woodsman and knew the coast quite well and he showed Lars which direction to take.

Can one understand how sad it was for Lars to leave his friends, but he could not help them. Even if he reached land there was a slim chance that he could find help for them in time.

After a sad farewell he walked towards shore in the snow and slush. His strength was waning and the coast seemed so far away he wondered if he should walk till he collapsed or just lie down and die. He reached in his pocket for his telescope and looked back to where his friends were and he thought he saw them moving about. However he must continue and thinking of the families seemed to give him strength to go on. He cut a pocket out of his jacket, the one in which he carried tobacco, so he would have something to chew on as he walked.

When darkness fell he came to a small peninsula, but it was too dark to find the fisherman's hut that Bostrom had told him about. His feet were swollen and he was not able to walk any farther so he dug himself into a snowdrift and fell asleep.

When he awoke it was morning and the storm was over. The sleep had given him strength and the will to live. He walked on and found the fisherman's hut and now he knew how far it was to the nearest village.

After a short rest he started out again but the snow in the woods was so deep that he had to turn back and take the way over a canal. But that way the snow was even deeper, so he went back to the hut and fell on the floor and slept.

When he awoke he decided to try again, and breaking some boards from the door he tied them to his shoes for skis. Then he walked until he came to a road where he met some homeward bound woodcutters. They took him to Utas in Grundsunda Socken. In Utas he was taken in by friendly people and after a few days of rest and food he thanked them and walked 13 Swedish miles (about 80 English miles) to Umea, where he consulted a Doctor Berzelius who advised him to go to the hospital and have some frozen toes amputated. But Lars was anxious to get home as quickly as possible to his family, so he walked 4 Swedish miles (about 25 English miles) to Ivarboda, and home at last. Then he took a razor and amputated the gangrenous toes, and now he could rest.

There was great joy at home and the whole town rejoiced for him, and grieved for the men who had died.

After that the people called him 'Indestructible Lars'.

He did not want to talk about the unfortunate adventure of 1805.

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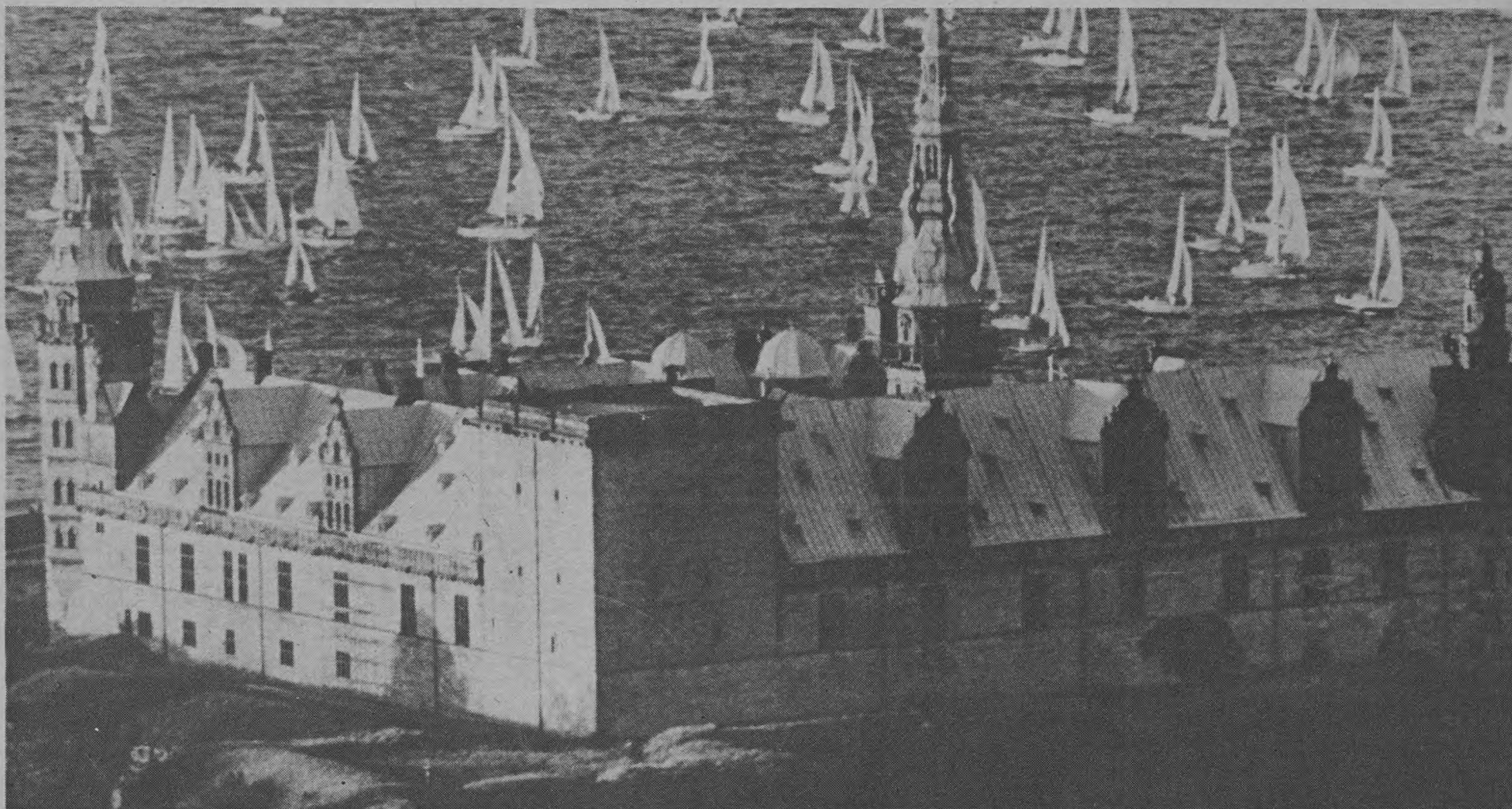
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"CASTLE YEAR" IN DENMARK



1982 is "Castle Year" in Denmark: Kronborg Castle in Elsinore, immortalized by Shakespeare as home of the melancholy Dane, Hamlet, is one of more than 300 castles, palaces and manor houses in Denmark, many of which will be open to the public during "Castle Year".

Once upon a time there were fairytale castles and manors that dotted the landscape in the Kingdom of Denmark. Their towers, turrets and spires could be seen for miles around. Great lords, fair ladies, kings, queens and knights in shining armor lived in them, and people from all over the world came to the castles and manors for feasts, banquets, jousts and tournaments.

That was a long time ago, indeed; a time immortalized by Hans Christian Andersen in his fables and fairytales. The castles and manorhouses still cover the Danish countryside, however, and Denmark is as much a fairytale kingdom come true today as it was a thousand years ago.

RICH HISTORY —

Now most castles and manorhouses function as government buildings, tourist attractions or agricultural estates and the lords and ladies who live in them have more pressing matters on their minds than jousts and tournaments. But the Danes have never forgotten the rich history of their castles and manorhouses and have never failed to realize that they are among the nation's most priceless treasures.

Thus, the Danish Tourist Board has declared 1982 as "Castle Year" in Denmark.

There are more than 300 castles and manorhouses in Denmark from Amalienborg Palace where the Queen of Denmark lives, to Kronborg Castle where Hamlet's ghost still lurks, to small manorhouses that have been converted into country inns by their owners. Even

remnants of Viking fortifications still stand in some parts of Denmark 1,000 years after they were built. Fyrkat at Hobro and Trelleborg on the island of Sealand are two of the most important archaeological discoveries from the Viking era.

SECURITY IMPORTANT —

The Vikings may have come up with the idea of building their castles for protection against invaders, but their Danish ancestors in subsequent centuries elevated fortification to an art. As the nobility sought security, they built impregnable walls and double moats as Spøttrup Castle in North Jutland proves. Other Gothic treasures where security was of utmost importance include Egeskov Castle on Funen Island, built in the middle of a lake, and Kronborg Castle in Elsinore, built on a point to keep watch on passing ships in the narrow strait between Denmark and Sweden. The barons and lords who inhabited Gissfeldt Manor and Borreby Castle on the island of Sealand were so nervous about invasion, they had their builders erect embrasures and openings in outer walls so boiling water could be poured over attackers.

RENAISSANCE TASTES —

King Christian IV decided by the time the Renaissance rolled around that fortification in castle building had about run its course and that the age demanded a certain *joie de vivre* in its architecture so lacking in medieval times. Fredensborg Castle, the summer residence of the Danish royal family, and Rosenborg Palace in Copenhagen, where the crown jewels are housed, are

perfect examples of King Christian's Renaissance tastes. The Stock Exchange and Round Tower, both in Copenhagen, were also inspired by the Renaissance king.

King Christian IV set the example for the aristocracy and soon impregnable castles and manorhouses were no longer in vogue. New buildings erected in this era impress visitors to this day with their grandness and style. Voergaard in Vendsyssel, Gammel Estrup and Rosenholm in East Jutland and Vallo on Sealand are all textbook examples of Renaissance architecture and each one is splendidly preserved.

BAROQUE/ROCOCO —

The Baroque period, 1630-1740, left its mark on Danish castle and manorhouse architecture as well. Nyso, near Praesto, is one of the earliest Baroque buildings ever constructed in northern Europe and Clausholm Castle, near Randers, is one of the latest examples from the period. The Rococo period, 1740-70, never caught on as far as building exteriors in Denmark, but many interiors of Danish castles and manorhouses were decorated in the style, creating a Baroque exterior with a Rococo interior-styled edifice. Hvidkilde, near Svendborg; Ledreborg, near Roskilde; and Lerchenborg, near Kalundborg; link

the Baroque and Rococo periods in Danish architecture.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC —

More than half the 300 castles and manorhouses in Denmark are open to the public. They are included in a new 50-page color brochure from the Danish Tourist Board, "Danish Castles and Manor

Houses", that contains a map showing the location of all castles and manorhouses, photos and a history of each, as well as a general history of various Danish architectural periods. Write to the Danish Tourist Board, P.O. Box 115, Station "N", Toronto, Ont. M8V 3S4 Canada for your free copy.

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